

March, April, May

There is a best time for doing everything—that is, a time when a thing can be done to the best advantage, most easily and most effectively. Now is the best time for purifying your blood. Why? Because your system is now trying to purify it—you know this by the pimples and other eruptions that have come on your face and body.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SHERIFF—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of Marion county, subject to the action of the democratic primary. If nominated and elected I promise to perform the duties of said office to the best of my ability.

HENRY GORDON.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.
To the Democratic Voters of Marion county, Florida.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the legislature from Marion county, subject to the democratic primary, and solicit the support of my democratic friends.

CARLOS L. SISTRUNK

FOR SHERIFF—I respectfully announce my candidacy for sheriff. If elected I promise to discharge the duties of the office faithfully, impartially and to the very best of my ability.

J. L. SMOAK.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—Through the columns of the Banner I ask the support of the citizens of Marion county for the nomination of county Superintendent of Public Instruction. I wish to thank them for past favors and if re-elected I shall make every effort to improve the schools along all lines.

Respectfully,
W. D. CARN.

FOR SHERIFF—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of Marion county subject to the action of the democratic primary to be held May 10, and it elected will attend to the duties of the office to the best of my ability. Soliciting the support of the democratic voters, I am

Yours, etc.

J. FRANK PELOT.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR—Believing that I have filled the office of Tax Assessor to the satisfaction of most people and knowing that I am now qualified and equipped to do the work as well as any one I respectfully ask the voters of Marion county for a re-nomination on the 10th of May.

ALFRED AYER.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE—I want to represent Marion county in the next legislature and to that end solicit the vote of all democratic citizens at the coming primaries.

JOHN B. FLOYD.

FOR COLLECTOR—I announce my candidacy for the office of tax collector for Marion county subject to the action of the democratic party at the primary to be held May 10.

R. L. CARNY.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE—I hereby announce my candidacy for member of the legislature from Marion county, subject to the action of the democratic primary to be held May 10.

GEORGE G. MATTHEWS.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR—The many friends of J. C. Matthews throughout the county, recognizing his worth and ability, hereby present his name to the democratic voters of Marion county for the nomination for tax assessor in the approaching primary election.

MANY CITIZENS.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE—I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of county judge, subject to the action of the democratic primary to be held May 10, 1904.

ROBERT BULLOCK.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER—If in the judgment of the people of Marion county I have faithfully and befittingly discharged the duties of county treasurer I respectfully ask their support in the approaching democratic primary.

THOS. E. PASTER.

FOR CLERK CIRCUIT COURT—I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of clerk of the circuit court, subject to the action of the democratic voters at the primary election to be held May 10, 1904. I take this opportunity to thank those who have supported me in the past, and trust my record in the office has been such as to enable them to vote for me again.

S. T. S. STRICK.

FOR SHERIFF—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of Marion county, subject to the Democratic primaries to be held on the 10th of May next, and respectfully solicit the support of all the Democratic voters of Marion county.

Respectfully,
JOHN P. GALLOWAY.

FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD—I respectfully announce myself a candidate for reelection as a member of the Board of Public Instruction for Marion county from the Third District, subject to the action of the primary election to be held May 10, 1904.

R. R. BLITCH.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION—I announce myself a candidate for county superintendent of public instruction of Marion county, subject to the democratic primary of May 10. If elected I shall work for the best interests of the schools and county.

Respectfully,
D. R. ZETROUCK.

FOR COMMISSIONER—I hereby ask the support of the democratic voters of the 5th district for my election as a member of the board of county commissioners, and hope that my past record in this capacity is such that the voters of the second district can support me at the primary to be held May 10.

W. D. BOBBITT.

FOR COMMISSIONER—I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection as member of the board of county commissioners, and hope that my past record in this capacity is such that the voters of the second district can support me at the primary to be held May 10.

H. W. LONG.

"FENCE" OR "NO FENCE?"

This Question is the "Paramount Issue" in Our Local Campaign.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner.

It is to be hoped that no voter of Marion county will be duped into voting for a legislator with "no fence" proclivities, that this question is only a snare to catch the votes of those who are too indolent to keep up their own property and wish it done at public expense, is seen on its very face. It is, therefore, well to give the matter a moment's consideration.

That the "no fence" system is yet a delusion is seen the moment we go below the surface.

That it would be solely a benefit to the favored few is admitted by all. That the small farmer must go out of the stock business; must buy his meat and lard at the grocers, we admit.

We admit it because we know that he is not able to pay from six to ten dollars per acre for pasture land.

If he could buy it he must put a fence around it that will withstand the onslaughts of restless, crowded stock.

He is sometimes not able to buy it if he has the money as a greater part of the open land is owned by speculators who will wait several years yet in hopes of better prices.

We all know that there are tens of thousands of acres owned by the federal and state governments or by non-residents which, under the "no fence" system, would be available to no one for pasture purposes.

The grass that had before yearly maintained thousands of cattle would grow, whither and die as the seasons changed, while cattle that had been used to roam at will over the open country would now be sold for what the owners could get, or be kept half fed and half starved in over crowded pastures.

But the meanest and lamest phase of this question has been sprung on the people of the county within the last month, namely, the "local option" "no fence," a veritable boom-erang. A policy that would permit one district to fence itself in and turn its stock among the people of the next and thus enjoy pasture-land property belonging to others.

The man who would not do this is compelled to fence twice or sell his stock. He must buy pasture land and would prefer to have it at home for convenience. This would make the land increase in price, causing him to pay double the worth. He must fence his pasture securely and besides this must build and keep in order his share of the community fence.

Let us see how a community or district fence is maintained. Are the people ready for socialism? It is a very pretty picture, indeed, to imagine that on a set date all the people of a community, whether they voted for or against the no fence would be on hand with tools and material to construct forty or more miles of fence, horse high, "razor back" tight and built strong.

Let any community, before they plunge into a task of such dimensions, first try this same plan to fence their grave yard or school lot property and from their success in this they draw proper conclusions.

Do not suppose for a moment that the man who opposes the measure can be compelled to participate in the fence building; rather make sure he does not destroy it after it is built.

Any man's mule or razor back may escape from his inclosure and destroy his value of choice vegetables before discovered.

Fires and falling timber will destroy parts of the fence, probably so remote from settlements that the first news our terrapin friends will have of the mishap will be the hogs in their potato patch and the cows in the corn.

Gates on public highways are conceded by all to be a nuisance and are sometimes left open.

Mr. A. has forty acres under fence. The district votes for "no fence," he must keep up his share of fence, say a mile; he cannot well afford to buy more fence, so he takes up his home fence and moves it away to the required line.

Now he is required to keep up this

same fence two miles away, and must make his way to that fence in or after each storm cut fallen timber off and make repairs.

Mr. B is away from home during the storm; his part of the fence has two or three trees across it or it is down in a place or two. The ever ready "razor back" and his companions, see their chance and do their work mostly at night and are hidden in the bogs and brush by day; they must be carefully hunted and put out to await another opportunity.

Mr. A formerly made all the meat and lard he could use and sold the rest to darkies. Now he has no pasture and must put his thirty or forty head outside the fence and leave them to care for themselves. In the fall he goes to look for them but find no trace, his pinders rot in the field, his smoke house has a forsaken appearance and he must go to town for his meat and lard.

But why this reflection, why make a leviathan out of a leech?

We know that one lone legislator cannot enact this law, still we must keep on our guard and talk them over among ourselves.

It is the constitutional right of the voters to vote on all important questions and no law of such importance should be passed unless advised by a majority of the voters and if passed without that advice should be referred back to the people of the county and only be operative after their sanction.

Voters look before you leap.

RICHARD W. ERVIN.

BELLEVUE.

Mrs. J. B. Kulms and Mrs. Dr. Evans, of Pittsburg, Pa., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. White last week.

After a visit of two months to her son, True Wittier, in Tampa, Mrs. Annie Whittier returned Thursday much improved in health.

Miss Julia Payne also returned Thursday after an absence of nine weeks, during which time she has been employed as trained nurse for Mrs. Chambliss in Ocala.

Miss Hattie Smith spent several days last week at her home in Wiliston.

Mr. A. L. Lockwood, wife and daughter, of Gardner, Mass., are late arrivals and are occupying the Libbey cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cogswell left on the midnight train Monday for Danbury, Conn., where they were called to the bedside of both Mrs. Cogswell father and mother who are critically ill.

Fifteen of the friends of the Rev. Mr. Jones tendered him a surprise party Saturday night to celebrate his birthday, which occurred on the 20th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles French and daughter, Miss Abby, were the first of the cottage contingent to leave for their northern home, leaving on the noon train Monday for Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard and four children left for South Carolina Tuesday.

Mrs. E. W. White and Mrs. J. B. Kulms left Wednesday to attend the convention of the Christian church now going on at Tampa. JOSH.

GAITERVILLE.

Gaiterville is very dry and dusty. Oats and all crops generally are needing rain very much. Some farmers have not finished planting yet, owing to the dry weather.

All the same, wet or dry, last week was a busy one here, stockmen made use of the time in gathering their cattle, which showed up better than any one thought could be possible after seeing so many dead ones in the woods.

Mr. C. Holmes, of Rock Springs, accompanied by his children, Miss Effie and Johnnie, were visitors in our burg last week and enjoyed themselves immensely. Mr. Holmes is an old friend and we gladly welcome him and his.

Miss Inez Ross and Miss McCreery made a pleasant visit to Early Bird Saturday, returning Sunday.

Another Sunday school for Gaiterville was organized last Sunday at Union Level church house. We gladly welcome them and wish them God's speed.

Mr. G. O. Turner, wife and children and Mrs. R. D. Stokes and baby were visiting relatives and friends at Blitchton Saturday and Sunday.

UNCLE JOE.

COTTON PLANT.

Hot weather for March.

Rain badly needed.

In our rambles this week we found:

That six members of D. A. Walker's family were housed up with the measles. That Charles Holmes is fencing his farm with—not the American—but the Cotton Plant wire of his own weaving. That J. M. Smith, the pecan king, in this neck of the woods, lost over a hundred panels of fence by forest fires. That A. J. Turner's fence met the same fate. That Newcombe Barco lost 100 fence posts also. That if you want to eat ham equal to Benjamin's and Armour's go and dine with Mrs. J. M. Smith. That if you want a dish of strawberries fit for a king call on Mrs. Dr. Veal. That Dr. Veal is using the labor of a negro preacher this year instead of a "cornfield" darkey as he did last year and thinks the harvest will be great.

Friend Bittinger's platform is good—praise for his opponent's efficiency and ability, the absence of the big "I" and little "You," and the unwritten law says he can have the office.

The man who can see much good in his neighbor will do to trust.

A Cotton Plant boy, now a man whom we respect for his sterling worth, will lead to hymen's altar on April 21st one of Fellowship's fair and handsome maidens. May their pathway through life be strewn with roses.

Favorable seasons and a good market for vegetables will put Newcombe Barco in shape to spend the summer at Saratoga.

Mrs. Dr. Veal has a flower garden that for variety and beauty, is hard to equal.

Miss Jane Gilbert, Mrs. Henry W. Long and Mrs. W. E. Veal attended services at the Presbyterian church in Ocala Sunday.

Mr. J. E. Howell is in Tampa on business.

Mr. L. C. Bell, of Archer, passed through Cotton Plant last week between two sons.

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BIG AUCTION SALE OF TOWN LOTS.

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